

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/931,581

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

upon close review of the claims, the prior art, and applicant's remarks it appears that the allowance of claims 1 and 4-6 are appropriate.

The prior art of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,299 by Fuentes et al (hereinafter Fuentes) discloses a narrow band communication mounted apparatus (Fig. 4, 116; e.g. transponder) comprising (see Abstract; col. 7, lines 31-42; col. 9, lines 17-30): a radio-communication portion (Fig. 4, 126; e.g. responder) for sending and receiving with an on-target site device (Fig. 4, 111; e.g. transceiver) via an antenna (Fig. 4, 115) (col. 7, lines 31-46; col. 7, line 62 – col. 8, line 10; col. 9, lines 17-30), a field intensity measuring portion (Fig. 1, 117; e.g. supply circuit) for detecting a radio field intensity (Fig. 4, 114; e.g. RF interrogation field) (col. 7, lines 42-47), a control microcomputer (Fig. 4, 119; e.g. variable code generator) for controlling various equipment (Fig. 4: 127-131) and a nonvolatile memory (Fig. 4, 120; e.g. readable memory) (col. 8, lines 11-47), wherein said control microcomputer stores in said nonvolatile memory randomly generated communication registration identification data (e.g. K2) when communication is opened or when said apparatus starts up (i.e. receiving an interrogation signal from the transceiver) (col. 7, line 47 – col. 8, line 10), and communication is performed using communication registration identification data stored in said nonvolatile memory in a case where said apparatus is in a communication range

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when said apparatus starts up (col. 7, line 47 – col. 8, line 10; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 12), wherein said randomly generated communication registration identification data is generated based on a start instruction released from the transceiver (col. 7, lines 42-61), and wherein said narrow band communication mounted apparatus is mounted to a human or animal (col. 9, lines 17-30).

Therefore, Fuentes does not meet the requirements of the claimed invention, which requires:

a vehicle-mounted apparatus communicating with an on-road device and generating data based on measuring a field intensity., as cited in claim 1.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,493,557 by Yoshida discloses a narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus (Fig. 1; i.e. communication system in a vehicle; col. 3, lines 1-26) comprising (see Abstract):

data is generated based on a field intensity measured by a field intensity measuring portion (Fig. 1: 1, 2, 4) for detecting a radio field intensity (col. 3, lines 13-26; col. 5, lines 13-56), and wherein said narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus is mounted to a vehicle (col. 3, lines 1-11).

The combination of Fuentes in view of Yoshida still fails to disclose the claimed invention because the generated data of Yoshida includes calculating time and weight charges related to a radio-communication portion in the narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus when the apparatus is in a communication range, however, this generated data is not the randomly generated registration identification data (i.e. K2) in Fuentes.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,339,381 by Takikita (inventor of instant application) discloses

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a narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus (Fig. 1) comprising (see Abstract):
executing data based on a field intensity measured by a field intensity measuring portion (Fig. 1: 12, 14, 15, 16) for detecting a radio field intensity (col. 7, lines 20-41; col. 8, line 27 - col. 9; line 30), and wherein said narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus is mounted to a vehicle (col. 6, lines 13-32).

The combination of Fuentes in view of Takikita still fails to disclose the claimed invention because the executed data of Takikita includes executing data with an on-road device related to a toll communication with the narrow band communication vehicle-mounted apparatus by determining the electric field intensity within standards of a communication range to perform toll communication, however, this executed data is not the randomly generated registration identification data (i.e. K2) in Fuentes.

Thus, the prior art does not disclose the claimed limitation ‘...said randomly generated communication registration identification data is generated based on the field intensity measured by the field intensity measuring portion...’.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 Form.

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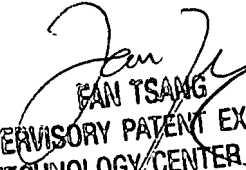
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lisa Hashem whose telephone number is (571) 272-7542. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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